

quantitative models necessary to predict possible climate change at the global and regional scales.

The Climate Change Technology Initiative (CCTI) seeks the understanding necessary to exploit the biosphere's natural processes to enhance the sequestration of atmospheric carbon dioxide in terrestrial systems and the ocean. The CCTI includes research to identify and understand the environmental and biological factors or processes that limit the sequestration of carbon in these systems, and to develop approaches for overcoming such limitations to enhance sequestration. The research includes studies on terrestrial and ocean carbon sequestration, including the role of marine microorganisms and other types of terrestrial ecosystems.

Program Contact: (301) 903-3281.

6. Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)

The objective of the EPSCoR program is to enhance the capabilities of EPSCoR states to conduct nationally competitive energy-related research and to develop science and engineering manpower to meet current and future needs in energy-related fields. This program addresses research needs across all of the Department of Energy research interests. Research supported by the EPSCoR program is concerned with the same broad research areas addressed by the Office of Science programs that are described above. The EPSCoR program is restricted to applications which originate in eighteen states (Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming) and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It is anticipated that only a limited number of new competitive research grants will be awarded under this program due to prior commitments to ongoing EPSCoR grant projects.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, Nonproliferation and National Security Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Partially Closed Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Nonproliferation and National Security Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 10(a)(2) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, November 30, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 1, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Thursday, December 2, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy, Room 4A104, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20585.

Note: Members of the public are requested to contact Leslie Pitts at (202) 586-7994, in advance of the meeting (if possible), to expedite their entry to the Forrestal Building on the day of the public meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Waldron (202-586-2400), Designated Federal Officer, Office of Nonproliferation Research and Engineering (NN-20), Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee: To provide the Secretary of Energy and the Assistant Secretary for Nonproliferation and National Security with advice, information, and recommendations on national research needs and priorities.

Purpose of the Meeting: To discuss the nonproliferation and national security research, development, and policy programs.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, November 30, 1999

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Introduction of the members of the Committee.

Discussion of the role of DOE advisory committees in general and this Committee in particular.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public comment period (oral presentations are limited to 10 minutes).

Tuesday, November 30, 1999

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 1999

9:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. Closed Meeting

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Working Lunch

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 1999

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Closed Meeting

Public Participation: The meeting on the morning of November 30, 1999, is open to the public. The Chairman of the

Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgement, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Persons wishing to attend the open meeting should contact Leslie Pitts at (202) 586-7994 by November 24, 1999 to arrange for visitor passes to the Forrestal Building.

Any member of the public who wishes to make an oral statement pertaining to agenda items should contact Leslie Pitts at the phone number given above. Requests must be received before 3:00 p.m. (e.s.t.) Wednesday, November 24, 1999. Reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation during the public comment period. It is requested that oral presenters provide 25 copies of their statements at the time of their presentations.

Written statements pertaining to agenda items may also be submitted prior to the meeting. Written statements must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address shown above before 3:00 p.m. (e.s.t.) Wednesday, November 24, 1999 to assure that they are considered by the Committee members during the meeting.

Closed Meeting: In the interest of national security, after the public meeting on the morning of November 30, 1999, the remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 10 (d), and the Federal Advisory Committee Management regulation, 41 C.F.R. § 101-6.1023, "Procedures for Closing an Advisory Committee Meeting", which incorporate by reference the Government in Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552b, which, at §§ 552b(c)(1) and (c)(3) permits closure of meetings where restricted data or other classified matters are discussed.

Minutes: Minutes of the open portion of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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